1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
23	A & N Islands	68	0	86	0	118	0
24	Pondicherry	2610	659	2927	592	3682	650
25	Jammu & Kashmir		Not Implemented		Not Implemented	4486	0
	TOTAL	12095522	5265656	12392117	3777311	16217859	3097944

As on 23.11.05

** The settlement of insurance claims for 2004-05 is in process.

Funds for agricultural research

*147. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated during each of the last three years for agricultural research, State-wise;

(b) the achievements made in regard to higher productivity in the field of agriculture as a result of these researches;

(c) whether any high-yielding varieties of paddy and wheat were produced during these years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to popularize the same among the farmers;

(e) whether it is a fact that per-hectare productivity of wheat and paddy is very low when compared to other countries particularly the western countries and the far east; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) State-wise funds for Agricultural Research are not allocated by DARE/ICAR. However, funds for Agricultural Research are allocated to the ICAR Institution located in various States of the Country. The details are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 7)

(b) Efforts of the Agricultural Research which resulted in achieving higher productivity in the field of Agriculture are given in the Annexure (See Appendix 206, Annexure No.7)

(c) Yes, sir. During last three years, 67 high yielding varieties/hybrids of rice and 31 new high yielding varieties of wheat have been released by the Central Sub-Committee on Crop Standard and Notification and State Variety Release Committees for cultivation in different States. Details are given in the Annexure (See Appendix 206, Annexure No.7)

(d) During the last year 1896 frontline demonstrations were conducted on Paddy and 2020 on Wheat. Further, during the same period 17076 Quintals of seeds of Paddy and 15525 Quintals of seeds of Wheat were produced by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras for availability to the farmers.

During the year 2004-05,13,502.20 Quintals of Breeder Seed of Wheat and 2,571.53 Quintals of Paddy were produced for further production of foundation and certified seeds.

(e) and (f) Per hectare productivity of wheat and paddy in some Western and far East countries is higher due to very long growing season, use of large quantity of fertilizers and less effects of drought, flood and extreme temperatures (abiotic stresses).

Several steps and initiatives have been taken to enhance the productivity further, such as, increase in the seed production of improved and latest varieties, front line demonstrations of technology, resource conservation technology, mechanization, training, integrated management of insect pests and diseases and nutrients.

Allowing imported deep sea fishing vessels in EEZ

*148. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing a policy to allow imported deep sea fishing vessels on deferred payments to fish in our EEZ;

(b) if so, the number of such trawlers which fished in 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) whether Government are aware that new conditions and new restrictions make it impossible for such ventures to succeed and the spirit of the original policy is being vitiated;

(d) the objectives of such activities; and

(e) the steps proposed to adopt a pro-active role?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Letters of Permission (LOPs) have been issued so far for import of 95 deep sea fishing vessels of different types including 20 trawlers. The number of deep sea fishing vessels, including trawlers, which fished in Indian waters in 2003-04 and 2004-05 was 30 and 43 respectively.